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SUBJECT:BRIEFING OF PREMIER ON SECRETARY'S PRC TRIP

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-- WE WILL ALSO DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS. NORMALIZATION ISSUES WILL BE AN IMPORTANT TOPIC, BUT WE ALSO HOPE TO DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS TRADE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES.

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